The Clarion Call
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Newsletter of the Department of Massachusetts

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From the Department Commander

Greetings Brothers,

It almost seemed that this winter might be one of the mildest in memory but now with frigid days and one storm after the other it seems like there is no escape but to dream of spring. Considering spring we should be looking forward to our marching season as I think of it. After a long winter of inactivity it is important to think of our health before becoming more physically active. I encourage all brothers to think now of building up stamina by doing more walking as the weather warms. Perhaps walking through the resting places of our honored dead in anticipation of our ceremonies on Memorial Day. Take the opportunity to record the condition of Civil War veteran's grave stones that need cleaning, resetting or a new flag holder. You might even discover a likely candidate with no flag holder or government stone that some research could confirm as an honored veteran from 1861-65.

Spring will also see our 141st department encampment at Groton Woods in Groton, MA from April 21 to 23. If you haven't been to an encampment it is a

good opportunity to learn how the department and camps interact. Friday the 21st will be a social night with our campfire and entertainment. In the past we have had music, authors discussing their latest civil war works and actors impersonating civil war figures.

Saturday the 22nd is the business meeting which follows the ritual you can find in your blue book that our order has use for generations. An important task is confirming the budget which sets the direction of the department in the coming year. Elections are held and installation of department officers will be conducted by a representative from national. Reports from our camps are required. Here is an opportunity to record all your camp has accomplished in the past year. Communication between the camps and the department is crucial. Send in a report even if you feel there is little reason to.

The day concludes with the banquet and an opportunity for the department commander to present personal awards. I encourage every camp to send at least one brother to the encampment. Make sure your attendees bring the camp flag where it can be displayed proudly with the others. The weekend will close with breakfast on Sunday at Groton Woods.

This year also sees the national encampment of the SUVCW and Allied Orders being hosted by our brothers in the Department of New Hampshire at Nashua from August 3 to August 6. This will be a good opportunity for the Department of Massachusetts to put in a good showing in terms of brothers attending. The national encampment format is similar to the department and can be previewed in the ritual book. What are the allied orders? They are The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. All of these groups were, like the SUVCW, originally formed to aid and honor the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and continue to honor their memory in many ways. The business session will address many issues facing our order and any brother in good standing can speak his mind.

Election of national officers is always an interesting evolution often involving various departments pledging support for candidates. There will be souvenirs and paraphernalia for sale; a good opportunity to purchase badges, ritual books and other items needed for your camp without shipping.

The encampment concludes with a banquet. At last year's encampment several people mentioned that the 2018 encampment hosted by Massachusetts was one of the best they had experienced. I think our brothers in New Hampshire will do at least as well.

One important note: In my visits to various camps this year most often brothers are dressed casually but at the encampments business dress or uniform with your membership badge is required.

In Fidelity, Charity and Loyalty,

John Dupré

ATTENTION

BROTHERS!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

2023 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF

MASSACHUSETTS

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

OF THE CIVIL WAR

AT THE

Grotonwood Camp & Conference Center

167 Prescott St, Groton, MA 01450

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st & SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2023

EVENTS WILL INCLUDE:

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CAMPFIRE

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND OPENING

S.U.V.C.W. LUNCHEON

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

DISCOUNTED LODGING

IMPORTANT: Reservations must be received by APRIL 12th 2023, in

order to guarantee the discounted rate and availability. Reservations made after this date are

subject to availability.

ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION

Registration for the SUVCW will begin on Friday afternoon. Preregistration will be $5.00 per Member. $10.00 at the door.

Friday night dinner will be at 6:00PM. Tickets are $12.00 per person.

DEPARTMENT CAMPFIRE

The Encampment will kick off with our annual Department Campfire at 7:00 PM, on Friday, April 21st. Light refreshments will be served.

Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will start at 7:30AM. Tickets are $12.00 per person.

OPENING and MEMORIAL SERVICE

The S.U.V.C.W. will hold its annual Opening and

Memorial Service on Saturday, April 22nd, at 8:30 AM

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session will be held immediately following the Memorial Service and will continue until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 22nd. The second business session will be held from 1:30 PM until 5:00 PM, or until the conclusion of the Installation of Department Officers.

S.U.V.C.W. LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 22nd, and will feature a buffet lunch. Tickets are $12.00 per person.

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

The annual Encampment Banquet will be held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Saturday evening, April 22nd. Awards will be given at the banquet. Tickets for the Banquet are $15.00 per person

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Encampment Registration Form

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PRE-REGISTRATION
Please pre-register me for the 2021 Dept. of Massachusetts Encampment.
A registration fee of $5.00 is enclosed. ($10.00 at the door)
Total Preregistration $_____

MEALS:
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER $12.00 FOR EACH TICKET
Total dinner tickets_____ x $12.00 =$_____

SATURDAY BREAKFAST $12.00 FOR EACH TICKET
Total breakfast tickets_____ x $12.00 =$_____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON $12.00 FOR EACH TICKET
Total luncheon tickets_____ x $12.00 =$_____

ENCAMPMENT AWARDS BANQUET
Encampment Banquet on Saturday, APRIL 22nd, 2021, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
Total banquet tickets_____ x $15.00 =_____

SPECIAL ENCAMPMENT PACKAGES (SUVCW ONLY)
1.FRIDAY NIGHT LODGING, 1 REGISTRATION, 1 SUPPER ON FRIDAY NIGHT, 1 BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, 1 LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY PER PERSON - ONLY $75 PP!
TOTAL TICKET _____ x $75.00 =$_____

2.SATURDAY NIGHT LODGING, 1 BANQUET BUFFET, & 1BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY - ONLY $50PP!
TOTAL TICKET_____ x $50.00 =$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____
Return this form with a check or money order, payable to "Dept. of Mass., SUVCW", to:

Department Encampment
Daniel Murray
40 Lake Road
Brentwood, NH 03833

Department of Massachusetts SVC Fraser Serves as Installing Officer at Department of Florida Encampment

Our Senior Vice Commander, Roderick Fraser, was appointed by the National Commander in Chief to represent him as the Installing Officer at the Department of Florida Annual Encampment.

Department of Massachusetts Brothers Visit Mount Peace Cemetery in St. Cloud Florida

As part of the Department of Florida Encampment, Past commander in Chief Perley Mellor, his wife, Past national President of the Auxiliary Diane Mellor and Senior Vice Commander Roderick Fraser visited the Mount Peace Cemetery. Nicknamed “Soldier Town Cemetery” Mount Peace was established in 1910 by the Grand Army of the Republic and is the final resting place for over 300 Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The MA Brothers, along with PDC of Florida Mike Urell, visited the grave of Corporal Justin M. Duncan. Corp Duncan was originally from Massachusetts and served in Company A of the 54th MA Infantry. Duncan enlisted 18 February 1863 in Chester, Massachusetts. He mustered out 20 August 1865 with his regiment. He was appointed to Corporal on 25 May 1865 by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Northey Hooper.

JUSTIN M. DUNCAN
CORP. CO. A
54 MASS. INF.

New Camp Being Formed in Fall River!

Brother Denny Cosmo of the Department of Rhode Island is organizing a camp in Fall River. Brother Denny works at Bristol Community College as the Director of the Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center.

The Richard Borden Camp 90, SUVCW existed in Fall river for many years and was disbanded. Brother Denny is looking for people interested in joining a Fall river Camp. Please help spread the word.

Brother Denny can be contacted at **Denny.Cosmo@bristolcc.edu**

Camp 54 Welcomes New Brother in Florida

Brother Joseph Nawn was initiated as a new member of Camp 54 at the Dept of Florida Encampment. Brother Nawn is currently living in Jacksonville, FL but wanted to join a camp in Massachusetts to honor his ancestor Private Dennis Harrington of Company E, 25th MA Volunteers, who died during the war in September of 1862. Brother Nawn's great uncles were members of the Isaac Damon Camp 122 of the SUVCW in Holden MA.

2023 National Encampment to be Held In New Hampshire!

The Department of New Hampshire will be hosting the 2023 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Courtyard by Marriott located at 2200 Southwood Dr, Nashua NH 03063 from August 3rd to the 6th.

This is an excellent opportunity to attend the National Encampment without leaving New England! Our Brothers in New Hampshire are working hard to make this a huge success.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. More details to follow in the next Clarion Call!

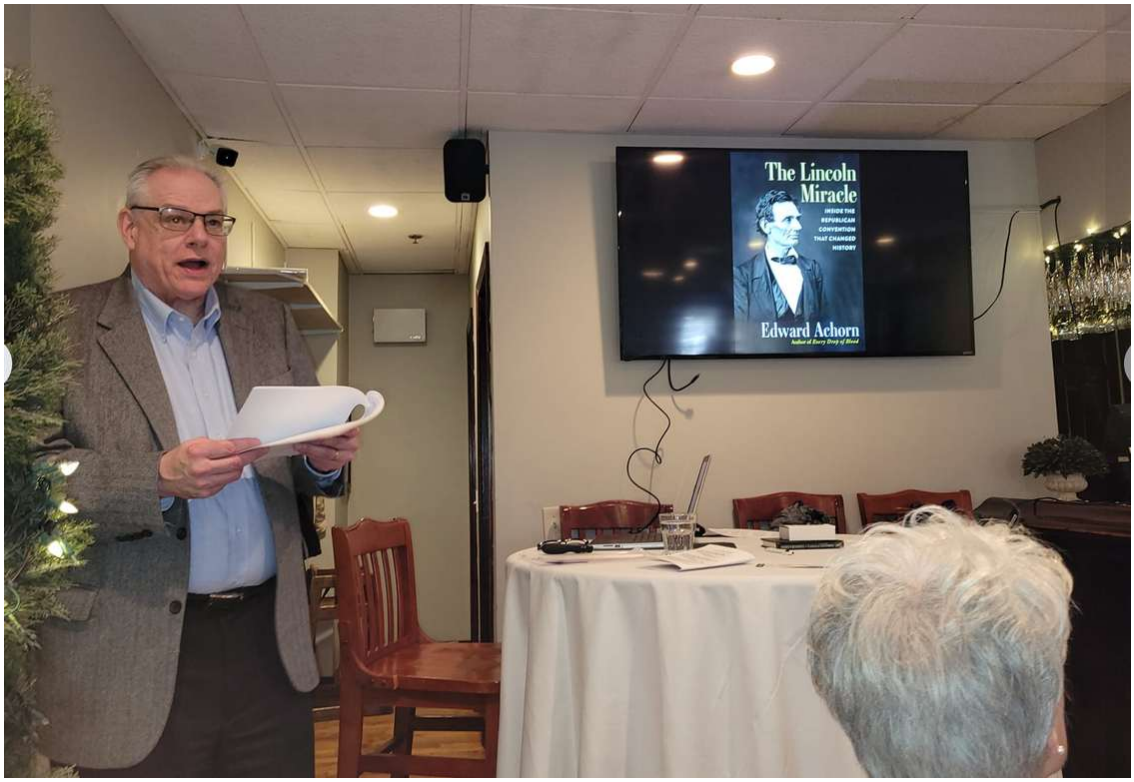
Brother Garrett Dupre’ Honored by Camp 25

Brother Garrett Dupre' 1st Lt. USA, of Willie Grout Camp 25 has recently returned from deployment with the Headquarters Battery of the 197th Field Artillery of the New Hampshire National Guard. He is holding a recreation of the 2nd New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry battle flag somewhere in Jordan. Brother Dupre's ancestor, Pvt. Treffle' Dupre' served in Company E of the 2nd. The Army has determined that Company E is the ancestor of the Headquarters Headquarters Battery 197th FA! After leave Brother Dupre' will take up new responsibilities as a battery commander.

Camp 25 Commander Matty Sargent, Lt. Commander USNR is presenting replica Civil War Union artillery captain's epaulettes to Brother Garrett Dupre', Captain US Army New Hampshire National Guard.

Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Brunch a Huge Success

On Sunday, February 12th the Department of Massachusetts held its 23rd Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Brunch at Harrington's in Wakefield, MA. Our guest speaker was author Ed Achorn who premiered his new book "THE LINCOLN MIRACLE: Inside the Republican Convention that changed history". Following his presentation, Mr. Achorn signed copies of his books for those in attendance. It was a wonderful event and a fitting celebration of our country's greatest president.


The Lincoln Miracle
INSIDE THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION THAT CHANGED HISTORY
Edward Achorn

~ 2009 ~
UNITED STATES MINT
Happy Birthday President Lincoln

We Now have Department Membership Certificates!

The Department has designed a membership certificate (see scan below).

To obtain a certificate for your camp members, you need to submit:

1. The Brothers full name as you want it to appear on the certificate
2. Camp Name
3. Date of membership
4. Qualifying Ancestors Name
5. Ancestors Regiment
6. Association/relation

Send the request to Brother Fraser at suvcwclarioncall@gmail.com

There is no cost for the certificate.

Department of Massachusetts

To all who shall see these presents, greetings.

This is to certify that

Michael Charles Robey

was elected a member of

Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54

on October, 24, 2020

Having derived his membership from

John K. Hendricks

of the 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry

his Great Great Great Great Grandfather

By the authority vested in us, we do confer this certificate

Department Commander *Camp Commander*

The Archives Needs Your Help!

The Department Archives is looking to complete our collection of records in order to provide full resources to researchers. We are looking for the following volumes. If you have one or more of these and would like to donate them to the Department Archives, please contact Dept. Historian Peter Preble (rev.peter.preble@gmail.com or Dept. JVC John Wilder (jwwt2000@hotmail.com).

We are looking for the following volumes of annual proceedings:

SUVCW National: 1914-1917, 1982, 1987, 1990-1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009-

SUVCW Massachusetts: 1988-2011, 2014, 2017-

GAR National: 1878-1881, 1883-1885, 1887, 1888, 1892-1894, 1896, 1899-1913, 1915-1932, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1943, 1947, 1950-

GAR Massachusetts: 1882-1887, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1896, 1901, 1905, 1907, 1948-

We are also looking for issues of "The Banner" pre-1908 as well as the following volumes:

"Massachusetts in the Army & Navy During the War of 1861-1865" volume 2

"Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, & Marines in the Civil War" volumes 1 and 3

Annual Reports of the Massachusetts Adjutant General, full set of war years 1861-1866

As always we are happy to accept any related records or publications to add to our collection, thank you!

From the Department Patriotic Instructor

Please note that camp patriotic instructor reports are due on April 1st. I need to file the department PI form 41 by June 1 st . If you want your camp PI report included I need that report as soon as possible.

I realize with COVID 19 there has been less activity this past year. Despite this Form 40 still needs to be filed.

All reports are due on April 1st and should be sent to

KenLondon@comcast.net in PDF format.

The form can be found here:

https://suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Form-40fi-May-2022-Final.pdf

It is important for your camp to file form 40 so that your camp gets credit for their hard work over the past year. I need form 40 so that I can Submit form 41 to national.

Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated. Please refer to this general order

https://suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/General-Order-No.-13.pdf

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Any questions can be addressed to me at KenLondon@comcast.net

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